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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department – Allegations of willful unauthorized absence w.e.f. 19.08.2013 for a period of more than five years against Smt. G. Jyothi Kumari, Assistant Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department (Zone-II) – Disciplinary proceedings initiated – Inquiry Ordered – Inquiry Report communicated – Written representation received – Concurrence of APPSC on proposed punishment – Punishment of "Removal from service under Rule 9(ix) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991"– Imposed - Orders - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.371 **Dated: 27/05/2024.**

Read the following:-

1. Charge Memo No Vig(III)/RWS&S/Absconding from duties/2019 , dt:05.07.2019 of Engineer- in –Chief, RWS&S, AP, Vijayawada.
2. WSD, dt:18.02.2020 of the CO Smt.G.Jyothi Kumari, AEE, RWS&S (Zone-II)
3. From the ENC, RWS&S Procs.No. Vig (II)/RWS&S/Absconding/2018 Dated: 03/02/2021.
4. From the ENC, RWS&S Procs.No. Vig (II)/RWS&S/Absconding/2018 Dated: 10/08/2021.
5. Letter from the ENC, RWS&S Lr.No. Vig(II)/ RWS&S/ Absconding / 2018, dt:03.02.2021.
6. Govt Memo no 1399917/Vig.VI/2021 dated 27.12.2021
7. Inquiry Report received through the ENC, RWS&S Procs.No. Vig (II)/ RWS&S/Absconding/2018 Dated: 14.06.2022.
8. Govt Memo No. 1399917/Vig.VI/2021 dt: 01.07.2022 & 01.12.2022.
9. From the ENC, RWS&S Procs.No. Vig (II)/RWS&S/Absconding/2018 Dated: 21/09/2022.
10. Explanation, dt:nil from the CO Smt.G.Jyothi Kumari, AEE, RWS&S (Zone-II) received through SE letter Lr.No.C3/SOS/Absconding/2019, dt:02.11.2022.
11. From the ENC, RWS&S Lr.No. Vig(II)/RWS&S/Absconding/2018, dt:15.11.2023.
12. Govt Letter No.1399917/Vig.VI/2021, dt:26.03.2024
13. From the APPSC File No.GAD03-APPS0DCC/15/2024-DC.SEC- APPSC (Computer No. 2407852), dt:09.05.2024

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department has initiated departmental action against Smt.G.Jyothi Kumari, Assistant Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department (Zone-II), on the allegations of willful unauthorized absence w.e.f. 19.08.2013 for a period of more than five years.

2. And whereas, in the reference 2nd read above, the charged officer Smt.G.Jyothi Kumari, Assistant Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department (Zone-II) has submitted her written statement of defence, denying the charges framed against her.

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3. As the written statement of defence submitted by the charged officer was not convincing, the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, vide reference 3rd read above, has appointed the Superintending Engineer(Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department), Kakinada as Enquiry Officer and Executive Engineer (Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department) Rajahmundry as Presenting Officer under Rule 20(2) and 20(5)(c), APCS(CCA) Rules, 1991 respectively to enquire into this matter. In the reference 4th read above, Executive Engineer (RWS&S), Kakinada is appointed as Presenting Officer in place of former appointed Presenting Officer to present the case before Inquiry Officer.

4. In the reference 5th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department has submitted a report to the Government and requested Government to give suitable directions/orders in the matter being the competent authority as the Charged Officer Smt. G. Jyothi Kumari, Assistant Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department (Zone-II) has already continued under unauthorized absence for a period of Seven (07) years which is beyond a period of Five (05) years.

5. In the reference 6th read above, Government requested the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department to expedite the process of inquiry with the Inquiring Authority and thereafter to refer matter to Government, along with specific findings on the Inquiry Report. In response the ENC, RWS&S, vide reference 7th read above, has furnished the Inquiry Report in which the inquiry officer stated that Smt. G. Jyothi Kumari, Assistant Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department , Rampachodavaram has been absconding from duties without prior permission and without proper sanction of leave from competent authority and got her self continued under willfull unauthorized absence w.e.f. 19.08.2013 for a period of more than five (05) years and the same is proved in the inquiry.

6. In the reference 9th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department has communicated the Inquiry Report to the Charged Officer Smt. G. Jyothi Kumari, Assistant Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department (Zone-II) and the explanation has been received from the Charged Officer vide reference 10th read above and requested to drop the charges framed against her.

7. In the reference 11th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department submitted the detailed report of the disciplinary case of Smt. G. Jyothi Kumari, Assistant Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department (Zone-II) for unauthorized absence w.e.f. 19.08.2013 for a period of more than five (05) years. The ENC, RWS&S further stated that a show-cause notice was issued to the Charged Officer for imposing Major penalty of "Removal from Service" and the charged officer has submitted her explanation which is not convincing and the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department decided to impose the major penalty of "Removal from Service" for finalization of the case. Hence the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department requested Government to issue authorization for imposing the above Major Penalty.

8. Therefore, Government after careful examination of the matter, has provisionally decided to impose a major penalty of "Removal from Service",

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against Smt. G. Jyothi Kumari, Assistant Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department (Zone-II) on the allegations of wilfull unauthorized absence w.e.f. 19.08.2013 for a period of more than five (05) years and placed the matter before the APPSC for their concurrence. The APPSC have communicated their consent to impose the above major penalty against the charged officer, vide letter 13th read above.

9. Accordingly Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby impose a major penalty of "Removal from service" under Rule 9(ix) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Smt. G. Jyothi Kumari, Assistant Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department (Zone-II), for the charge of unauthorised absence, which was held proved in the inquiry.

10. The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, AP., Vijayawada shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(FAC)

To
Smt.G.Jyothi Kumari, AEE, RWS&S (Zone-II) (through Engineer-In-Chief, RWS&S, Vijayawada)
The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, AP, Vijayawada (in duplicate with a request to obtain and furnish the dated acknowledgment of the orders)
The District Collector, Kakinada (Erstwhile EG District).
The Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Kakinada District.

Copy to:
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, AP , Mangalagiri.
The PS to Prl. Sec to Govt(PR&RD)(FAC)
The Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (Est.II) Department.
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SECTION OFFICER